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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/535,278	KUPPUSWAMY ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the instant application.

### **I. *Response to Arguments***

Applicants' amendment, filed on October 20, 2008, has overcome the objection to claims 2,4,5 and 10-14 as being dependent upon an objected based claims; the objection of claims 1 and 3 for containing informalities and the objection to the abstract. The objections have been withdrawn.

Applicants have not overcome the rejection of claim 15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as lacking antecedent basis and thus the rejection has been maintained.

### **II. *Rejection(s)***

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites the limitation "distilling the organic solvent...." in step (x) of claim 1. The term "organic solvent" is not mentioned previously in claim 1 and it is unclear what "organic solvent" Applicants are referring to in the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim

15 recites the limitation “wherein the distilling of the nonpolar solvent” which is dependent on claim 1 but there is no reference to a nonpolar solvent in step (x) of claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

### **III. *Objections***

#### *Claim Objections*

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: for the phrase “in the temperature” in step (iii) of claim 1 which should read “at the temperature”.

### **IV. *Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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